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15:1 Behold, speak thou in the ears of my people the words of prophecy, which I will put in thy mouth, saith the Lord:
15:2 And cause

them to be written in paper: for they are faithful and true.

15:3 Fear not the imaginations against thee, let not the incredulity of them trouble thee, that speak

against thee.
15:4 For all the unfaithful shall die in their unfaithfulness.
15:5 Behold, saith the Lord, I will bring plagues upon the world; the sword, famine,

death, and
destruction.
15:6 For
wickedness hath
exceedingly
polluted the
whole earth, and
their hurtful
works are
fulfilled.
15:7 Therefore

saith the Lord,
15:8 I will hold
my tongue no
more as
touching their
wickedness,
which they
profanely
commit, neither
will I suffer them
in those things,

in which they wickedly exercise themselves: behold, the innocent and righteous blood crieth unto me, and the souls of the just complain

continually.
15:9 And therefore, saith the Lord, I will surely avenge them, and receive unto me all the innocent blood from among them.
15:10 Behold, my

people is led as a flock to the slaughter: I will not suffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt:

15:11 But I will bring them with a mighty hand and a stretched

out arm, and smite Egypt with plagues, as before, and will destroy all the land thereof.

15:12 Egypt shall mourn, and the foundation of it shall be smitten with the plague

and punishment that God shall bring upon it.

15:13 They that till the ground shall mourn: for their seeds shall fail through the blasting and hail, and with a fearful

constellation.
15:14 Woe to the world and them that dwell therein!
15:15 For the sword and their destruction draweth nigh, and one people shall stand up

and fight against another, and swords in their hands.

15:16 For there shall be sedition among men, and invading one another; they shall not regard their kings nor

princes, and the course of their actions shall stand in their power.

15:17 A man shall desire to go into a city, and shall not be able.

15:18 For because of their

pride the cities shall be troubled, the houses shall be destroyed, and men shall be afraid.

15:19 A man shall have no pity upon his neighbour, but

shall destroy their houses with the sword, and spoil their goods, because of the lack of bread, and for great tribulation.
15:20 Behold, saith God, I will call together all

the kings of the earth to reverence me, which are from the rising of the sun, from the south, from the east, and Libanus; to turn themselves one against another,

and repay the things that they have done to them.
15:21 Like as they do yet this day unto my chosen, so will I do also, and recompense in their bosom.

Thus saith the Lord God;
15:22 My right hand shall not spare the sinners, and my sword shall not cease over them that shed innocent blood upon the earth.

15:23 The fire is gone forth from his wrath, and hath consumed the foundations of the earth, and the sinners, like the straw that is kindled.

15:24 Woe to them that sin,

and keep not my commandments! saith the Lord.
15:25 I will not spare them: go your way, ye children, from the power, defile not my sanctuary.
15:26 For the

Lord knoweth all them that sin against him, and therefore delivereth he them unto death and destruction.

15:27 For now are the plagues come upon the whole earth and

ye shall remain in them: for God shall not deliver you, because ye have sinned against him.
15:28 Behold an horrible vision, and the appearance thereof from the

east:
15:29 Where the nations of the dragons of Arabia shall come out with many chariots, and the multitude of them shall be carried as the

wind upon earth, that all they which hear them may fear and tremble.

15:30 Also the Carmanians raging in wrath shall go forth as the wild boars of the wood, and

with great power shall they come, and join battle with them, and shall waste a portion of the land of the Assyrians.
15:31 And then shall the dragons have

the upper hand, remembering their nature; and if they shall turn themselves, conspiring together in great power to persecute them,
15:32 Then these shall be troubled

bled, and keep silence through their power, and shall flee.

15:33 And from the land of the Assyrians shall the enemy besiege them, and consume some of them,

and in their host shall be fear and dread, and strife among their kings.

15:34 Behold clouds from the east and from the north unto the south, and they are very

horrible to look upon, full of wrath and storm.
15:35 They shall smite one upon another, and they shall smite down a great multitude of stars upon the earth, even their

own star; and blood shall be from the sword unto the belly,
15:36 And dung of men unto the camel's hough.
15:37 And there shall be great fearfulness and trembling upon

earth: and they that see the wrath shall be afraid, and trembling shall come upon them. 15:38 And then shall there come great storms from the south, and from

the north, and another part from the west.
15:39 And strong winds shall arise from the east, and shall open it; and the cloud which he raised up in wrath, and the star stirred

to cause fear toward the east and west wind, shall be destroyed.

15:40 The great and mighty clouds shall be puffed up full of wrath, and the star, that they

may make all the earth afraid, and them that dwell therein; and they shall pour out over every high and eminent place an horrible star,

15:41 Fire, and hail, and flying

swords, and many waters, that all fields may be full, and all rivers, with the abundance of great waters.
15:42 And they shall break down the cities and walls, mountains

and hills, trees of the wood, and grass of the meadows, and their corn.

15:43 And they shall go stedfastly unto Babylon, and make her afraid.

15:44 They shall

come to her, and besiege her, the star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up unto the heaven, and all they that be about her

shall bewail her.
15:45 And they
that remain
under her shall
do service unto
them that have
put her in fear.
15:46 And thou,
Asia, that art
partaker of the
hope of Babylon,

and art the glory of her person:
15:47 Woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her; and hast decked thy daughters in whoredom, that

they might please and glory in thy lovers, which have always desired to commit whoredom with thee.

15:48 Thou hast followed her that is hated in all

her works and inventions: therefore saith God,

15:49 I will send plagues upon thee; widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to

waste thy houses with destruction and death.

15:50 And the glory of thy Power shall be dried up as a flower, the heat shall arise that is sent over thee.

15:51 Thou shalt be weakened as a poor woman with stripes, and as one chastised with wounds, so that the mighty and lovers shall not be able to receive thee.
15:52 Would I

with jealousy have so proceeded against thee, saith the Lord,
15:53 If thou hadst not always slain my chosen, exalting the stroke of thine hands, and

saying over their dead, when thou wast drunken,
15:54 Set forth the beauty of thy countenance?
15:55 The reward of thy whoredom shall be in thy bosom, therefore shalt thou

receive recompence.
15:56 Like as thou hast done unto my chosen, saith the Lord, even so shall God do unto thee, and shall deliver thee into mischief

15:57 Thy children shall die of hunger, and thou shalt fall through the sword: thy cities shall be broken down, and all thine shall perish with the sword in the

field.
15:58 They that be in the mountains shall die of hunger, and eat their own flesh, and drink their own blood, for very hunger of bread, and thirst of

water.
15:59 Thou as unhappy shalt come through the sea, and receive plagues again. 15:60 And in the passage they shall rush on the idle city, and shall

destroy some portion of thy land, and consume part of thy glory, and shall return to Babylon that was destroyed.

15:61 And thou shalt be cast down by them as

stubble, and they shall be unto thee as fire;
15:62 And shall consume thee, and thy cities, thy land, and thy mountains; all thy woods and thy fruitful trees shall they

burn up with fire.
15:63 Thy children
shall they carry
away captive, and,
look, what thou
hast, they shall
spoil it, and
mar the
beauty of
thy face.